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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6749

BILL NUMBER: SB 177

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 27, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Medical examiners.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Merritt

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ___GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: Pending

Summary of Legislation: Creates the office of the state medical examiner (office) within the state department of health. Requires the creation of regional medical examiner offices to conduct autopsies referred by each county coroner in the region. Sets forth the duties of a regional medical examiner. Requires the office to bill the county of residence of a deceased person on whom an autopsy is performed for the costs of the autopsy. Requires a county coroner to certify a death after the regional medical examiner forwards an autopsy report to the county coroner. Requires a certified child death pathologist within the regional office to: (1) consult with the coroner; (2) conduct certain autopsies; and (3) perform certain duties. Repeals provisions establishing the commission on forensic sciences.

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *As of the above date, the fiscal analysis of this bill has not been completed. Please contact the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis for an update of this fiscal impact statement.*

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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